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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

A letter recently received from a Whiting gentleman contained this postscript: "Two days after the war ended, I was in the Argonne Forest. On that day my sister died. The previous Christmas she gave my mother a five dollar gold piece. It is now a part of your Chalice."

The Chalice to which the gentleman refers is one for which readers of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR supplied the gold and precious stones on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee to the holy priesthood in the year 1923.

People throughout the United States contributed sufficient precious material to have two Chalices and two Ciboria made to order, and to have several Chalices and Ciboria and one Ostensorium regilded. One of these Chalices is kept at the Cathedral, and is used when the Bishop pontificates, while the other is used by him daily when he is at home.

I am reminded by these reflections to suggest that our new Orphan Asylum chapel will need a number of things which individuals throughout the diocese may be glad to present to our dear Lord. They would be, for instance, new altars, windows (which, because small, would not be costly), stations of the cross, a bell for the tower and articles less expensive. If a group of every one hundred children contributed a school desk; if every group of a hundred families contributed a pew, all the diocese would be represented in the furnishing of the institution, without any burden on any parish.

Since we have children in our Orphan Asylum of every nationality for which we have parishes, all people should be equally interested in "doing their bit" for the new Orphan Asylum which will render service for the next fifty years.

One of the reasons why more is not accomplished by Catholics in a diocesan or national way, is that each one depends on the other to take care of the situation, while all Catholics should have the spirit of the Israelites when they were invited to build the first great temple at Jerusalem. There was real rivalry among the people in that day, each striving to get ahead of the other in making a contribution to religion, each craving to have a share in furthering a work calculated to promote God's honor and glory, and to promote His interests. Those who wait for the wealthy to build institutions which care for the interests of God in this world have not the right spirit. They should never be prompted to give because others give or do not give, but solely because "God loves a cheerful giver," and because He, more than anyone else, deserves some of their temporal goods, and because giving to God is the surest way to get. We would like to have you learn this very important lesson even without any relation to any present building project for which your assistance is asked.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Chicagoan Has Been Named Bishop

The Very Rev. Msgr. Stanislaus V. Bona, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Chicago, who has been named Bishop of Grand Island, Nebraska. Msgr. Bona succeeds the Most Rev. James A. Duffy, who resigned some months ago.

Stolen Church Relics Are Secretly Restored 25 Years After Theft

Paris.—An historic and artistic treasure of very great value which disappeared twenty-five years ago from the Basilica of St. Nicholas du Port, near Nancy, has been returned under extraordinary conditions.

On the Feast of St. Nicholas in 1905 the most precious objects were missed from the treasury of the sacristy. No trace could be found of either the stolen articles or the perpetrators of the theft. It was the opinion of many that the treasures had been stolen by antique dealers for exportation.

The most remarkable of these objects was an arm of solid gold, studded with diamonds, topazes and cameos and which contained as a relic the finger of St. Nicholas brought home by Albert de Varangeville in 1098. The magnificent reliquary was given to the church by King Rene d'Anjou, Duke of Lorraine, in 1474. Other objects stolen were the bust of St. Nicholas, of silver and emeralds; Flemish silver vessels; an ostensorium containing a relic of St. Pierre Fourier; an ivory Crucifix given by Voltaire to the Abbey of Senones; a fifteenth century Gothic cross; a large processional cross; a reliquary of the True Cross; a marvelous cameo representing the apotheosis of Hadrian.

After the lapse of a quarter of a century, the theft was forgotten. But, on St. Nicholas' day this year, the sacristan of the Basilica found in the church, arranged on the main altar, in good order and in perfect preservation, all the articles that had disappeared.

There is just as much excitement over the mysterious return of the treasures as over their disappearance and again detectives are making every effort to solve the mystery.

Powerful Radio Station Will Be Built In Ireland

By William H. Brayden
(Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin.—In the Free State radio is as much a State function as the postal telegraph service. It comes under the same Ministry. It is made to pay for itself by a one-third import tax on all radio sets and apparatus. There are two excellent stations in Dublin and one in Cork, each with a power less than two kilowatts, which, therefore, cannot be heard on crystal sets outside a radius of 20 to 30 miles from these cities. It was, therefore, decided to erect a high power station similar to those now common throughout Europe, and to erect it right in the center of Ireland, near Athlone, giving even crystal users a chance over the whole country.

Church At LaCrosse Destroyed By Fire

St. Martin's church at LaCrosse, Ind., was destroyed by fire at 4:00 a. m. Christmas. One of the most beautiful little churches in the diocese, it was redecorated in 1929 through the courtesy of L. E. Dewey, a pioneer member of the congregation. The church was built in 1914 under the direction of Father Wherling. Father Anderson, present pastor, announces that the damage was covered to the extent of eighty per cent by insurance and the church will be rebuilt immediately.

261 Families Are Aided

Saginaw, Mich.—Two hundred and sixty-one needy families, compriaing 1,222 persons, were given relief during the year by the units of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in this city, it was announced.

...st Hauls Food To Homes Of Needy

Rochester, N. Y.—The Rev. Andrew ...ssett, pastor of St. Michael's church ... Lyons, has brought relief to many ... the unemployed in that town by a ...ique method.

Father Dissett constructed a trailer ... his automobile, using an old car ...at had been given to him. With it ... has solicited gifts of food and has ...ded unemployed men to the fields, ...re about four tons of vegetables ... been collected. Father Dissett ... carried the vegetables to the ... of the unemployed. Farm own... ...ated the vegetables.

...uef Fund Totals Over $243,618

...ooklyn, N. Y.—In a report which ... of the forming of 60 new confer... ...es in the last year, the Society of ... Vincent de Paul announced that ...3,618.54 had been expended in the ...cese of Brooklyn in the last year ... the relief of needy families.

GUADALUPE FIESTA CRITICISM BRANDED POLITICAL SCHEME

Mexican Public Indignant At Attack Of Anti-Clericals — Press Flays the Enemies of Great Religious Celebration.

By Charles Betico
(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City.—Flamboyant criticisms in recent days by certain Mexican politicians of the Guadalupe celebration continue to hold considerable attention here. However, two things have operated promptly to raise a wave of public indignation against the calumniators:

First, those concerned have shown at once that the charges made are ridiculous by their very character.

Second, the press, which in general condemns the critics, has flatly asserted that the whole incident is political—an attempt on the part of a few to advance their personal political fortunes by the old device of assaults on religion.

It is considered here to be unfortunate that accounts of the incident sent out of Mexico have faithfully recounted the charges of the demagogues, but said nothing of the refutations, which were easy enough.

For instance, the Ministry of Finance was roundly criticized for admitting the new organ for the Guadalupe Basilica into the country duty-free. It was not pointed out, however, that since the Mexican Government claims title to the Basilica itself, it would have been ridiculous for the Government to tax itself for an addition to its own property.

The State railroads also were criticized for granting reduced rates to the celebration, but it was not pointed out that the State railroads are a business, and that such rate reductions are invariably granted where there is opportunity of increasing traffic by making a journey to some special event attractive financially to those who may wish to go.

Perhaps the only charge which answered itself was the violent assault on one deputy because his wife decorated her house for the occasion. This unfortunate individual was actually thrown out of his party for the "offense".

The Mexican press calls attention to the fact that the critics have been attacking members of their own party. It sees in this an attempt by ambitious politicians to further their own interests by trying to discredit rivals, even at the cost of national tranquility. The press says of these radical activities that their authors are "obstructing the program of union and tolerance advocated by General Calles."

Meals Served Daily At Settlement House

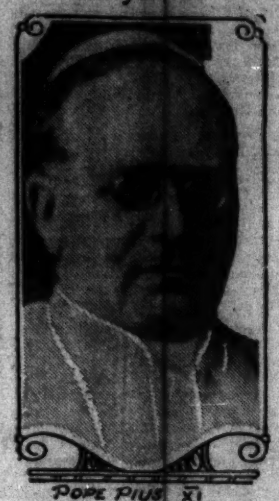
Gary, Ind.—The Gary-Alerding Settlement House has become the center for the relief of the destitute in this once flourishing steel mill district. The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul daily serves 200 meals to the hungering unemployed. Nearly 200 gallons of milk are given out daily. Day-old bread furnished by local merchants is keeping starvation from many doors.

Banded last year into a relief corps to assist the Missionary Catechists, Mrs. James McLaughlin and her charitable co-workers have this year organized the ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Forseeing great want, these zealous women gathered great quantities of fruit and vegetables during the harvest months. The thousands of quarts of fruit and vegetables which they canned are now proving of inestimable value in their relief work. In addition to dispensing food, the organization is co-operating with the Missionary Catechists in giving medical care and providing medicines for the sick and suffering poor, and in distributing clothing to the needy.

Lay Groups Join In Program Of Catholic Action

Washington.—The Catholic Action program recently inaugurated by the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in which more than 200 Catholic colleges, seminaries and Newman Clubs are now actively participating by a day-a-month observance, has now been adopted at the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Women, which is sending it to its 1,800 affiliated organizations.

Holy Father Issues Encyclical



John McCormack Mentioned As Erin's Governor General

By William H. Brayden
(Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin.—John McCormack, famous singer; Senator Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, Baronet, and Senator the Earl of Granard are the prominent Catholics being mentioned as probable successors to James MacNeill as Governor General of the Free State. Should Sir Thomas receive the appointment, it is of interest that Lady Anna Esmonde is of American birth. She is prominent in Dublin's artistic and social life.

The office, which carries a salary of $50,000 a year and a historic residence in the Phoenix Park, formerly was in the gift of the King and was arranged by him on recommendation of the British Cabinet. It is now made an appointment by the King on the sole advice of the Executive Council of the Saorstat.

In the event a Protestant is named it is likely the post will go to the Earl of Longford.

Chamber of Commerce Marks Anniversary Of Community Of Sisters

Vancouver, Wash.—The Chamber of Commerce here, at a weekly meeting held recently, gave over part of its program to an observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Providence in this section of the Northwest Territory.

An address describing the early struggles of the pioneer Sisters, detailed histories of the Order in this section of the country by students of Providence Academy, and musical selections by other students of the Academy's musical department were features of the program.

55 Holy Name Groups Pledge Support For Colored Apostolate

Cincinnati, O. — Forty-five parish units of the Holy Name Society were pledged to raise a sum equal to the total contributions of ten cents from each member annually, to support the Colored Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at an enthusiastic meeting of 400 delegates held here recently.

South Bend District

This district comprises the counties of Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke.

Important cities in this district include: South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Goshen, Plymouth, Donaldson, North Judson, Knox, Wanatah, Otis, LaPorte and Michigan City.

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Next week we will list the counties included in the Logansport District.

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POPE PIUS ASKS FOR THE UNION OF ALL CHURCHES

Pontiff Issues Encyclical Calling For Agreement Between Churches Of World — Addresses Protestants.

Vatican City.—A call for the union of Protestants and Catholics the world over was issued by Pope Pius XI in an encyclical entitled "Lux Veritatis."

The encyclical, meaning "The Light of Truth" and dated on Christmas, commemorates the fifteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Ephesus, which condemned the doctrines of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

The Pontiff addressed to Protestants a paternal exhortation to follow the example of Catholics in invoking the protection of the Virgin Mary as a mediator and intercessor with God and said that if it was believed Jesus Christ was God, she who bore Him must be called the mother of God.

If Mary is the mother of God, he continued, she must be filled with every grace and be adorned with every privilege. Therefore, he said, those who venerate her life must imitate her. The objection which Protestants bring forth against the veneration of men, he said, is thus very clearly answered.

Appeals to Easterners.

The Pope made a special appeal to the Eastern Churches. He said they venerated Mary as the Roman Catholics do and recalled that they maintained themselves for many centuries in the unity of the Apostolic See of Rome and that at the Council of Ephesus they saluted the Pope as the "Custodian of the Faith".

The Pontiff appealed to them to return to what he described as their ancient common father, who 15 centuries ago united with them in an admirable harmony of mind and heart in proclaiming the divine maternity of the Virgin.

In inviting dissident churches to return to the fold of Rome, the Pope cited history to show that the Catholic Church always had been the central authority. He recalled that after the

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Episcopal Cleric Lauds Pope's Plea For Church Unity

New York.—The appeal of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, in his Christmas Encyclical Lux Veritatis, for a union of Protestants and Catholics should be supported by all Christians, the Rev. Dr. Henry Darlington, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, said in the course of his sermon recently.

After remarking that the Encyclical had been issued appropriately in the Christmas season, Dr. Darlington added:

"There is much that all Christians have in common centered around the worship of Jesus as Savior and Redeemer, and if the Pope, assuming the lead, will seek to make this the cornerstone of a world-wide movement to bring to realization Our Lord's wish and prayer, then let us all rally to his support and help in every way we can.

"To bring about such unity is surely the greatest work that the Holy See can do for the world, and let all Christians of every name and kind, forgetting what is behind, lay aside every prejudice that may hinder this movement and work to fulfill Our Lord's prayer that we may all be one."

Dr. Darlington added, however, that while the Pope calls upon those who are outside his fold and bids them enter, they, in turn invite him to come over to them. "This," he said, "is the rock that wrecks all proposals, for who will do the uniting, who will surrender and who will be absorbed?"

Honor Priest, Legion National Chaplain

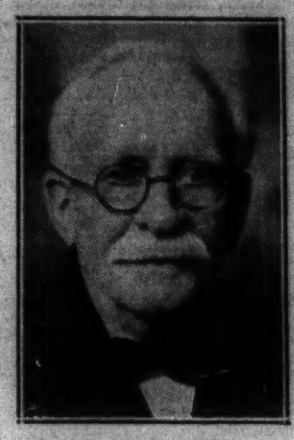
Chicago. — The Rev. Harris A. Darche, national chaplain, American Legion, was signally honored at a banquet given recently by Marine Post at the Auditorium Hotel. All former Marines in this vicinity were invited.

Father Darche some time ago was made permanent chaplain of the Post, which recently provided him with a uniform of the new American Legion type for his official visits about the country.

Sisters Feed Poor

Brooklyn, N. Y.—As a part of the celebration of their centenary, the Sisters of the Convent of Mercy served dinner to 100 poor men here. The arrangements were handled by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Father of the Bishop Is Dead



John G. Noll.

Priest Scores Slur Cast On Appeal For Boy Doing Life Term

Omaha, Neb.—Governor Roland B. Hartley of Washington, who refused to parole Herbert F. Niccolls, twelve-year-old slayer serving a life term in prison, was severely rebuked in a statement issued recently by the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, director of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home. In refusing the parole Governor Hartley had insinuated that the application made by Father Flanagan was an attempt to gain publicity for the Home.

In his reply, Father Flanagan said: "Governor Hartley was within his honored bounds as chief executive of the State of Washington when he denied the parole, but when he deplored my efforts and cast insinuations on my sincere motives in trying to obtain the boy's release, he stepped into the gutter of ward politics.

"I bitterly resent the accusations made that my purpose was to obtain publicity for myself and my home. My home doesn't need publicity. I was surprised at the attack. To me it sounds like the political mutterings of a whipped political boss."

His appeals through the press, pulpit and the radio, Father Flanagan said, were made "in an attempt to focus national attention on the terrible miscarriage of justice which placed Herbert Niccolls behind the bars for life; our appeals were made in order to encourage men and women of every station in life and creed to write to Governor Hartley, urging him to release the boy and give him a fair chance in life."

33,902 Chicagoans Get St. Vincent De Paul Aid

Chicago.—A total of $455,825.01 was expended by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Chicago in the fiscal year ending September 30, it was announced at the annual meeting held recently. Members, it was announced, paid 89,115 visits to 6,780 families comprising 33,902 persons.

FUNERAL OF JOHN G. NOLL AT CATHEDRAL, PONTIFICAL MASS

Parent of the Most Rev. Bishop Dies In Huntington At Age of Ninety —Pioneer Honored By Clergy—Laity At Obsequies.

In the plenitude of deeds well done and at the venerable age of ninety years, John George Noll, the beloved father of the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, succumbed at his home in Huntington at 11:40 o'clock Saturday night. His demise followed a brief illness, complications developing after a cold which began Tuesday. A pioneer resident of Fort Wayne, where he was known and admired by hundreds, the body was brought from Huntington to Fort Wayne late Monday afternoon and taken to the episcopal residence, 1415 West Washington Blvd., until the funeral Wednesday morning.

Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop. The Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector, was assistant priest; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney, rector of St. Patrick's, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector of St. Peter's, deacons of honor to the Bishop; the Rev. Raymond B. Noll, pastor of St. Philip Neri's church, Indianapolis, a first cousin, deacon of the Mass; the Rev. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector of St. Mary's church, Lafayette, also a relative, subdeacon. The diocesan school superintendent, the Rev. T. Emmet Dillon of St. Mary's, Huntington, and the Rev. John Edward Dillon, diocesan chancellor and pastor of St. Vincent's church, Auburn Road, city, masters of ceremonies. A capacity congregation with many of the local and diocesan clergy present, attended the obsequies.

Clergy Attending

Besides the officers of the Mass and the pastors of the city, the following clergy attended the solemn obsequies:

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. P. Durham, V. G., Marion; the Very Rev. H. P. Joseph Kroll, Ft Wayne; the Very Rev. John Osadniak, South Bend; the Very Rev. Peter Biegel, Elwood.

The Very Rev. James W. Donahue, C. SS. C., Superior General of the Order of Holy Cross, accompanied by the Rev. Paul Doherty, of St. Patrick's church, South Bend; the Very Rev. Vincent Kienberger, O. P., S. T. D., Detroit, Mich.; the Rev. C. M. Mlinarovich, East Chicago; the Rev Edward Frieberger, Lafayette; the Rev. Paul Anderson, Wanatah; the Rev. Thomas Walsh, M. M., Maryknoll, N. Y.; the Rev. Clement Neubauer, O. M. Cap. the Rev. Bernard Burke, O. M. Cap., Huntington; the Rev. G. Strong, O. F. M., the Rev. Father Ephriem, O. F. M., Lafayette; the Rev. Gerald Farrell, C. SS. R., the Rev. Oloysius Pregenzer, C. SS. R., Lebanon; the Rev. Julius Siemetz, Decatur; the Rev. Joseph

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VALUABLE OBJECTS IN VATICAN LIBRARY'S RUINED SALA SISTINA ARE INSCRIBED BY U. S. SAVANTS

Collapse Of Roof Involves Possible Loss Of Magnificent Frescoes, Articles Of Art, And Books, Congressional Library Consultants Say—Reported Lack Of Fire Held Encouraging.

Washington.—The collapse recently of a part of the roof of the Vatican Library, with the resultant death of some persons, reported in dispatches from Rome, involves the possible ruination of magnificent frescoes, rare objects of art and valuable decorated books, authorities at the Library of Congress here told the N. C. W. C. News Service.

Officials at the Library of Congress are keenly interested in the report of the Vatican Library disaster, and many of them have an unusual knowledge of that world-famous institution. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, has made a number of visits to the Vatican Library, and Prof. J. C. M. Hanson and Charles Martel, consultants of the Library, were members of the party of American experts who assisted in the re-cataloguing of the Vatican Library several years ago.

Roof Went Through Floor

According to the reports, the disaster occurred when a portion of the roof collapsed and plunged through the Sala Sistina, which one historian has called "perhaps the most splendid apartment ever assigned to library-purposes." The falling roof, the reports state, went through the floor of the famous Sistine Hall into a consultation room beneath. The ruin caused by the disaster is far from being as bad as it might have been, the reports add, since only the central portion of the roof fell. The windows on the two upper floors of the structure were not damaged.

Mr. Martel, who spent several days in the Sala Sistina inspecting the cataloguing material available there, described this famous room as a magnificent hall, the walls and ceiling of which are completely covered with splendid frescoes and paintings. Books are kept in enclosed cases grouped around several pillars that bisect the hall and in other enclosed cases that line the walls between the windows, he said. Art objects and manuscripts of great value and importance were displayed in exhibition cases standing in the center of the floor, he added.

Mr. Martel believes that 15,000 volumes would be a rather modest estimate of the number of volumes he saw in the enclosed cases of Sala Sistina, and, with Professor Hanson, he feels that many of the books kept there at the time were of great value and interest. Because of their position in the hall, and the fact that they were kept in enclosed cases, the books did not suffer extensive damage, in the opinion of both consultants.

Frescoes Virtually Unharmed

While the current reports from Rome state that the valuable frescoes that lined the walls of the hall were virtually unharmed, Professor Hanson believes, from the description of the disaster, that considerable damage must have been done to the splendid art-work that adorned the ceiling. The destruction of the ceiling decorations would, he said, be a tremendous loss.

The work of the American experts who helped in the re-cataloguing of the Vatican Library was done chiefly

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